**Interest Inventory**

Thank you for answering this survey honestly, with thought, and taking the time to explain “why” when it is asked. This will greatly help me to learn more about you and your interests.

Name:\_\_\_Josh Thompson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What kind of books do you like to read?

Fantasy, realistic fiction, YA (especially gay YA), poetry, dystopian, lots of others…

1. How do you get your news? What parts of the newspaper do you look at regularly?

Facebook, the CNN app on my iPad; I look at the US News, Global News, local news, politics

1. What are your favorite magazines or web sites?

Facebook, anything I Stumble Upon, deadwhale.com (internet games), random blogs I find

1. What type of programs do you prefer? Why?

Medical dramas (*House*, *Grey’s Anatomy*), *How I Met Your Mother*, *Downton Abbey*

1. What is your favorite activity or subject at school? Your least favorite? Why?

Marching band because I’ve been involved with it since 9th grade, I also am interested in concert band as well. Band is basically my life.

In high school, I hated PE because I didn’t feel like running around the gym for an hour each day. Also, the teacher kinda got on my nerves.

1. What is your first choice about “what to do” when you have free time at home?

Go online, check Facebook, talk to my roommate (who also happens to be my soulmate), read whatever book is on my long list of books to read that is constantly added to

1. What kinds of things have you collected? What do you do with the things you collect?

Shot glasses, I use them upon occasion

1. If you could talk to any person currently living, who would it be? Why? Think of three things to ask the person.

My friend Chris because he lives in London, and I haven’t seen him in a while and I miss him. I’d ask him how things have been, how long I can stay in his flat (which the answer would be “Forever, if you’d like.”), and what is the next big conversation we will have into the wee hours of the night.

1. If you could talk to any person from history, who would it be? Why? Think of three questions you would ask the person.

John Keats because he is my absolute favorite poet (but not the only one). I would ask him if he truly love Fannie Brawne in all aspects of love or just like an intense friendship/affection, is he gay (because I really could see him being), and what the ending of “This Living Hand” is.

1. What are your hobbies? How much time do you spend on your hobbies?

Music/band, hanging out with friends, reading, browsing online; I spend many, many hours a day doing each of these (basically when I’m not sleeping)

1. If you could have anything you want, regardless of money or natural ability, what would you choose? Why?

I would want the power to make anything I wanted happen.

1. What career(s) do you think might be suitable for you when you are an adult?

Teaching/college professor, writer/poet, dad

1. If you could spend a week job-shadowing any adult in any career, which would you choose and why?

The POTUS because I would get to spend a week hanging out with Obama! And I’d get to meet Michelle and Sasha and Malia! I would also get to see a side to our nation and its administration that I haven’t seen before. It’d also be nice to get info straight from the source as opposed to through a filter known as the media.

1. Tell about your favorite games.

I love video games. When I was younger, I didn’t sit down and read during my downtime like I do now. No. I busted out the Nintendo, Super Nintendo, Sega, Playstation, and GameBoy. Yeah, we had them all. We also got a Playstation 2 & 3 and a Wii eventually. My favorite games are anything Mario, Donkey Kong, and Spyro (he’s a little purple dragon, in case you didn’t know). I was never one for the car racing or gun shooting. My games have to have some sense of adventure, a puzzle to solve, a goal to reach, a plot. So…I guess…in a way…I was reading…

1. What kinds of movies do you prefer to see? Why?

Comedies because I love to laugh. It truly is some of the best medicine. Chick flicks because they also tend to make me laugh and get all mushy inside. Thrillers because I feel that if I’m spending around two hours doing something, it better be worth my time. Also because I hate being bored. Documentaries because they’re so fascinating. And realistic movies showing a character’s struggle and eventual change or lack thereof because it’s nice to get a bit of real every now and then.

*The Namesake*

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